

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended) A purified polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;

an amino acid sequence of conservatively modified SEQ ID NO: 2; and

an amino acid sequence of which comprises at least 40 consecutive residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, ~~having at least 20 consecutive residues~~.

Claim 19 (original) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 20 (original) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of conservatively modified SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of which comprises at least 40 consecutive residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, ~~having at least 20 consecutive residues~~.

Claims 22-85 (canceled)